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None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore

believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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	AA	12,994	05/29/1855	Daniels			
	AB	585,834	07/06/1897	Ruth			
	AC	595,734	12/21/1897	Rand et al.			
	AD	598,054	01/25/1898	Meany			
	AE	1,261,040	04/02/1918	Lanes			
	AF	1,398,203	11/21/1921	Schmidt			
	AG	2,245,909	10/19/1937	Enfiajian			
	AH	2,281,209	04/28/1942	Smith			
	AI	2,452,366	10/26/1948	Freund			
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	AL	WO 99/15126	04/01/1999	PCT			
	AM	GB 2 313 303 A	11/28/1997	United Kingdom			
	AN	DE 2310603	03/02/1973	Germany			
	AO	0 349 067 A1	01/03/1990	EPO			
	AP	0 349 067 B1	06/21/1989	EPO			
	AQ	0 485 362 A3	12/16/1986	EPO			
OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
	AR	Akroteck 4000 Brochure, LUMEX, 1992					
	AS	"Impression™" Brochure, Kinetic Concepts, Inc., August 1996					
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	BA	2,605,151	07/29/1952	Shampaine			
	BB	2,766,463	10/16/1946	Bendersky			
	BC	2,869,614	01/20/1959	Wamsley			
	BD	3,003,160	10/10/1961	Goodman			
	BE	3,010,121	11/28/1961	Breach			
	BF	3,053,568	09/11/1962	Miller			
	BG	3,099,440	07/30/1963	Burzlauff			
	BH	3,112,500	12/03/1963	MacDonald			
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	BN	0 341 570 A3	11/15/1989	EPO			
	BO	GB 2 015 872 A	10/17/1978	United Kingdom			
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	CA	3,220,021	11/30/1965	Nelson			
	CB	3,220,022	11/30/1965	Nelson			
	CC	3,233,255	02/08/1966	Propst			
	CD	3,239,853	03/15/1966	MacDonald			
	CE	3,309,717	03/21/1967	Black			
	CF	3,336,606	08/22/1967	Beitzel			
	CG	3,406,772	10/22/1968	Ahrent et al.			
	CH	3,411,766	11/19/1968	Lanigan			
	CI	3,456,269	07/22/1969	Goodman			
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	DA	3,754,749	08/28/1973	Lyon et al.			
	DB	3,814,414	06/04/1974	Chapa			
	DC	3,822,425	07/09/1974	Scales			
	DD	3,845,947	11/05/1974	Lee			
	DE	3,893,197	07/08/1975	Ricke			
	DF	3,897,973	08/05/1975	Long et al.			
	DG	3,905,591	09/16/1975	Schorr et al.			
	DH	3,916,461	11/04/1975	Kerstholt			
	DI	4,127,906	12/05/1978	Zur			
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	EB	4,193,149	03/18/1980	Welch			
	EC	4,225,989	10/07/1980	Corbett et al.			
	ED	4,227,269	10/14/1980	Johnston			
	EE	4,240,169	12/23/1980	Roos			
	EF	4,258,445	03/31/1981	Zur			
	EG	4,312,500	01/26/1982	Janssen			
	EH	4,336,621	06/29/1982	Schwartz et al.			
	EI	4,409,695	10/18/1983	Johnston et al.			
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	FA	4,542,547	09/24/1985	Sato			
	FB	4,545,084	10/08/1985	Peterson			
	FC	4,557,471	12/10/1985	Parzini			
	FD	4,675,926	06/30/1987	Lindblom et al.			
	FE	4,682,376	07/28/1987	Feldt			
	FF	4,685,159	08/11/1987	Oetiker			
	FG	4,751,754	06/21/1988	Bailey et al.			
	FH	4,769,584	09/06/1988	Irigoyen et al.			
	FI	4,797,962	01/17/1989	Goode			
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	GB	4,858,260	08/22/1989	Failor et al.			
	GC	4,862,529	09/05/1989	Peck			
	GD	4,862,530	09/05/1989	Chen			
	GE	4,894,876	01/23/1990	Fenwick			
	GF	4,944,055	07/31/1990	Shainfeld			
	GG	4,968,013	11/06/1990	Kirk			
	GH	4,974,905	12/04/1990	Davis			
	GI	5,040,253	08/20/1991	Cheng			
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	HB	5,103,519	04/14/1992	Hasty			
	HC	5,105,486	04/21/1992	Peterson			
	HD	5,129,117	07/14/1992	Celestina et al.			
	HE	5,148,562	09/22/1992	Borders et al.			
	HF	5,157,787	10/27/1992	Donnellan et al.			
	HG	5,157,800	10/27/1992	Borders			
	HH	5,193,633	03/16/1993	Ezenwa			
	HI	5,205,004	04/27/1993	Hayes et al.			
	HJ	5,230,113	07/27/1993	Foster et al.			
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	IB	5,267,364	12/07/1993	Volk			
	IC	5,279,010	01/18/1994	Ferrand et al.			
	ID	5,367,728	11/29/1994	Chang			
	IE	5,454,126	10/03/1995	Foster et al.			
	IF	5,469,588	11/28/1995	DiMatteo et al.			
	IG	5,479,666	01/02/1996	Foster et al.			
	IH	5,577,279	11/26/1996	Foster et al.			
	II	5,666,681	09/16/1997	Meyer et al.			
	IJ	5,701,618	12/30/1997	Brugger			
	IK	5,715,548	02/10/1998	Weismiller et al.			

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	JB	5,934,280	08/10/1999	Viard et al.			
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	JD	6,154,899	12/05/2000	Brooke et al.			
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